Chapter 6 – Deviance

**Deviance** – A behavior, trait, belief, or other characteristic that violates a norm and causes a negative reaction.

Griffin, known as the Invisible Man, could be considered a perfect example of deviance. The fact that he is a scientist who researched the nature of optics, defied what is considered the natural order. Although he succeeded in making cells invisible, the research itself is considered deviant because it defied what society previously accepted was the norm for the impossible. Being invisible is not only a change of status but also an act of defiance in terms of what is possible. Despite a tragic end for Griffin, his research notes are stolen by someone familiar to him and what such a monumental scientific discovery will be used for remains uncertain.